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17 KILLED AT SCHOOL



Above: Parents wait for news after a report of a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Wednesday.

Right: Students are evacuated by police from the high school after a shooter opened fire on the campus.

TOP: JOEL AUERBACH — AP
RIGHT: MIKE STOCKER — SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL VIA AP



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'No words':

Horror as students and adults die in a barrage of bullets

By Audra D.S. Burch and Patricia Mazzei

The New York Times

PARKLAND, FLA. » A heavily armed young man barged into his former high school about an hour northwest of Miami on Wednesday, opening fire on terrified students and teachers and leaving a death toll of 17 that could rise even higher, authorities said.

Students huddled in horror in their classrooms, with some of them training their cellphones on the carnage, capturing sprawled bodies, screams and gunfire that began with a few shots and then continued with more and more.

The dead included students and adults, some of whom were shot outside the school and others inside the sprawling three-story building.

The gunman, armed with a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle, was identified as Nikolas Cruz, 19, who had been expelled from the school, authorities said. He began his shooting rampage outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in this suburban neighborhood shortly before dismissal time around 2:40 p.m. He then made his way inside and proceeded down hallways he knew well, firing at students and teachers who were scurrying for cover, the authorities said.

"Oh my God! Oh my God!" one student yelled over and over in one video circulating on social media, as more than 40 gunshots boomed in the background.

By the end of the rampage, Cruz had killed 12 people inside the school and three outside it, including someone standing on a street corner, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said. Two more

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Local news stories up front, new features inside A section

We're making some changes in the paper that we hope you will like. To begin with, we're giving our local news coverage more prominence by bringing it into our main news section.

Our exclusive local reporting

— the most important part of the newspaper — deserves top billing in our A section vs. relegating it to a secondary B section. You'll find the top local stories in the front section of the newspaper, with a local news report that begins on A3.

Also, we are expanding our comics, columns and puzzles by adding a third features page. Those pages are on A15-A17. We now have three crosswords of varying difficulty, as well as two new word games, Wonderword and Cryptoquote. You also will find additional advice columns and comics along with all of your usual favorites.

We're always glad to hear from our readers. Please let us know what you think by writing to us at feedback@scng.com.

Residents mark unique day

As many couples tied the knot on Valentine's Day, lots of other people went to church to receive ashes to commemorate Ash Wednesday. **A3**



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Warning issued over cactus

The state is urging people to be careful about the nopales they're buying and eating because harmful pesticides were found on some. **A3**

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